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Assignee: Silicon Graphics, Inc.

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Madam:

Enclosed are the following documents submitted herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Transmittal Letter
2. Amendment A and Response
3. Letter to the Chief Draftsperson (Request to Make Proposed Drawing Changes)
4. Informal Drawing (Figure 2 With Changes Marked In Red, 1 page)
5. Acknowledgment Postcard

Date: May 4, 2001

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

Applicant(s): Angus Double

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Invention:

Method And Apparatus For Early Culling Of Occluded Objects

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$80.00	\$80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$80.00

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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**  
**(Request To Make Proposed Drawing Changes)**

Madam:

Subject to the approval of the Primary Examiner in the above-entitled patent application, please substitute the enclosed one (1) sheet of drawing, containing amended Figure 2, for the one (1) sheet of informal drawing containing Figure 2 as originally filed.

Approval is requested to amend Figure 2 as shown in RED ink on the attached copy and as indicated below:

In Figure 2, replace the topmost number "208" with the number --212--.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the requested drawing amendment is consistent with the corresponding material in the specification and does not add any new matter to the application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this request, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at the number shown below.

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